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SUBJECT: BOGOTA PRESS ON CIA

1. BOGOTA PRESS HAS GIVEN HEAVY COVERAGE TO REPORTS TO CIA ACTIVITIES IN CHILE. MODERATE LIBERAL EL TIMEPO, WHICH IS GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC TO THE US CARRIED EDITORIAL SEPT 22 BY FORMER PRESIDENT ALBERTO LLERAS TITLED "THE METTERNICH OF OUR TIME". EDITORIAL STATES THAT SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AS HEAD OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVED CLANDESTINE ACTIVITIES IN CHILE IN ORDER TO IMPEDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A ONE-PARTY GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED BY A MINORITY. LLERAS CHARACTERIZED THE TYPE OF POLICY WHICH LED TO INTERVENTION IN CHILE AS NO DIFFERENT THAN THE ONE CARRIED OUT UNDER MR DULLES DURING THE COLD WAR. FURTHER, LLERAS DESCRIBED THE EXPLANATION OFFERED BY THE SECRETARY AS NOT SATISFACTORY TO THE NATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA, THAT "UNTIL THE UNITED STATES CATEGORICALLY RENOUNCES THE USE OF THE CIA OR CONVENTIONAL ESPIONAGE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENTS OF LATIN AMERICA, THE NEW DIALOGUE CANNOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE PROCESS TO CREATE BETTER INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS".

2. LIBERAL EL ESPECTADOR CARRIED ARTICLE SEPT 23 BY JAIME PINZON LOPEZ TITLED "DIRTY MEDDLING" REVIEWING UNCLASSIFIED

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CHARGES OF CIA ACTIVITIES RAISED IN THE "INVISIBLE

GOVERNMENT" BY DAVID WISE AND THOMAS B. ROSS. ARTICLE STATES" FOR COLOMBIANS, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT SEPT 11, 1973 WAS A SAD DAY IN WHICH WE FELT IMPOTENT AGAINST THE DISTRESSING NEWS OF SOMETHING THAT NEVER SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED IN CHILE".

3. GENERALLY ANTI-AMERICAN EL PERIODICO BEGAN SEVERAL PART SERIES SEPT 23 ON "WHAT THE CIA IS AND DOES", APPARENTLY ADAPTED FROM "FAREWELL AMERICA" BY JAMES HEPBURN AND "THE INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT".

4. COMMENT: IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT EL TIEMPO, WHICH AS A MATTER OF POLICY DOES NOT REVEAL ITS EDITORIALISTS, POINTEDLY DREW ATTENTION TO LLERAS IN A FRONT-PAGE NOTE. VAKY

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